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SUBJ: MINTOFF'S TRAVELS

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1. PM MINTOFF MADE QUICK FOUR HOUR VISIT TO TRIPOLI EVENING APRIL 19. HE TRAVELLED ON LARG EXECUTIVE JET ACCOMPANIED BY HIS PRIVATE SECRETARY, JOE CAMILLERI, AND CROWN ADVOCATE GENERAL EDGAR MIZZI. ACCORDING LOCAL MEDIA REPORTS, LARG RELEASE SAID MINTOFF MET WITH JALLOUD, BUT MADE NO MENTION OF QADHAFI.

2. MEDIA SPECULATED THAT MEETING CONCERNED CHEAPER CRUDE OIL PRICES, AND MEDIA LINE FOR OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION. SOME REPORTS ALSO SPECULATED THAT VISIT WAS FOR MINTOFF TO TOUCH BASE WITH LARG ON BROADER
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ISSUES PREPARATORY TO MINTOFF VISIT ITALY, BELGIUM,

NETHERLANDS AND UK.

3. LOCAL PRESS SAYS MINTOFF SCHEDULED DEPART FOR ROME
APRIL 22 FOR TALKS TIH MORO FOLLOWED BY "PRIVATE VISIT"
TO NORTHERN ITALY BEFORE GOING ON TH LONDON ON APRIL 24
FOR MEETING WITH WILSON. NO MENTION MADE OF BRUSSELS
OR HAGUE. MINTOFF TOLD AMBASSADOR HE WOULD VISIT THE
HAGUE, WHERE HE WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW UP ON IDEA THAT KLM
MIGHT ESTABLISH A JET OVERHAUL CENTER ON MALTA.GETZ

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